MDL No. 1570	
Civ. Action No. 03 CV 9849 (RCC)	

## PLAINTIFFS' STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED FILING OF NOTICE OF ADDITION/REMOVAL OF PARTIES

Pursuant to Paragraph 12 of Case Management Order No. 2 and the Court's Electronic Case Filing procedures, Plaintiffs attempted to file a Notice of Addition/Removal of Parties with the Court on December 30, 2004. Upon entering the Court's Electronic Case Filing System, Plaintiffs received notice that the Court's system would be unavailable from December 30, 2004 through January 3, 2005, in order to accommodate a software upgrade. (See attached).

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court allow Plaintiffs to file this Notice of Addition/Removal of Parties today, January 3, 2005.

Dated: January 3, 2005 Respectfully submitted,

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